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## Let Us Take Thought.

"Israel doth not think, my people do not consider"—Isaiah.

Throughout the long file of ages human nature remains the same, whether in the highly artificial cities of America, the camel-hair tents of Asia, or the palm-thatched huts of Africa. There is always the tendency to think only of our own desires; to cater to our own wants, forgetful of the other fellow. Isaiah, that wonderful student of his time, enumerates this universal trait as among the sins of his people. "They do not think," he cries in piercing anguish, "my people do not consider."

"Want of thought is want of heart," cried Tennyson. We see so much misery about us that is caused by lack of consideration for others. Every police court echoes the cry of the prophet, every divorce suit echoes its sob. We could make our lives a masterpiece, and lack of thought makes them a mess. Did it make any difference? Not the least. As of old the people did not consider, and, eventually, the rare and costly marble was ruined.

As a nation we are so-called-crazy. Loss to each large hotel in spoons and other silverware pilfered runs into the thousands. Homes of the great are robbed by unbidden guests, who take away things that are of value only to the owners, to satisfy this morbid, unwholesome craving. An aeronaut was killed; in a short time there was scarcely a button left on his clothing by morbid souvenir maniacs. Recently a noted movie actress was buried from an Episcopal church in New York. Women robbed the church and tried to steal the very tassels from the coffin.

How many congregations look upon the minister and his wife as their own peculiar and private property. He tries to bear God's message, but his congregation domineer and find fault. They never let the pastor forget for a moment that they hold the purse strings, and where the pastor would weigh things by the Word and the Spirit, they measure even the Word and the Spirit by dollars and cents. They quarrel and haggle where they should have broad vision and noble view; they impose on the pastor and they pick flaws in the pastor's wife, they wonder why he seeks other pastures and why there are so few young men entering the ministry as a vocation. They are good people in their way, but they do not consider.

Home, that should be a foretaste of heaven, is often the abode of misery through the querulousness of mother or father, or both. In that case the children suffer and escape as soon as old enough. The father may be coarse and brutal, and come home to make his hours there a terror to wife and children. The mother may be one of the raging, fault-finding variety, who drives her husband to desperation and her children to find their only pleasure in a burden to the ones that gave them birth. Happy are those who wake in time; others are like a daughter who sobbed heartbroken on her mother's grave: "Oh, mother, mother, forgive me! Forgive me! If I had only known! If I had only thought!"

Many employers are harsh and brutal to their employees. They are quick to condemn and slow to praise. Men are advanced grudgingly, if favorites and outsiders given good positions, while long and faithful service is ignored. Then their complaint loudly of the service they receive. On the other hand there are employers that are solicitous of the welfare of their assistants—and everyone is that if he or she does only the meanest tasks—and too often the employees are lazy, indifferent, disrespectful, wasting their employer's substance, with their eyes on the clock and their minds on personal matters. They have not the slightest intention or conception of "carrying a message to Garcia" and when better men are passed over by their heads they blame everyone but themselves and find an added excuse for indifference. They do not think and therefore are wealth destroyers and not wealth creators.

Many men go around hat in hand pleading for votes, but when they are once in office and "clothed in a little brief authority," they lose all sense of civility and courtesy. How many who have had business to transact in the seats of the mighty have suffered from snubbing and discourtesy at the hands of such creatures of a moment!

Tenants complain of landlords re-

fusing to make repairs, or making repairs and then raising rent to pay for the repairs made. Many landlords tell of tenants who damage property through sheer carelessness or indifference. "It isn't ours, so why should we care?" is the attitude. Neither side considers the other and the result is that both suffer.

Can we not all pay heed to the plaint of the grand old prophet? Can we not take heed of the little things that make life really worth while and put away the many little things that mar life as a perfect whole?

## An Erroneous Charge.

Because someone got up in meeting Thursday night and declared that two or three candidates for the legislature on the Democratic ticket served as volunteer firemen during the strike, the Nonpartisan league was on the verge of inflicting the entire independent legislative ticket, notwithstanding there are ten perfectly loyal union labor candidates on the Democratic ticket, and the league is a union labor organization.

The matter was temporarily dropped, so we are informed, by postponing action until it could be ascertained if the Democratic candidates were guilty as charged. It so happens that neither Mr. Chandler, Mr. Rejach nor Mr. Gallor was implicated with the men who volunteered their services to the city at the time it was without fire protection. Neither was any other candidate on the Democratic ticket. If they had done so we do not know that it would have been any reflection upon their character or impaired their usefulness as legislators. But that is not an issue. The fact is they did not serve as volunteer firemen.

The opposition to the Democratic ticket for the legislature seems to be going a considerable distance out of its way to find an issue upon which to base its preference for the independent candidates. The Democratic candidates were regularly nominated because there was no opposition to them in the August primary. They represent the best in the various vocations in the community. Practically all of them are experienced in legislation. There is no mark against the record of any of them. As the Democratic nominees, in line and on the ticket with the Democratic nominees in the state and nation, they deserve support and should be elected.

## Teachers and School Board.

We have it on authority of the teachers who were present, and of course accept their statement as accurate, that they did not urge the Nonpartisan league at its meeting Thursday night to endorse the independent candidates for the city board of education in their capacity as representatives of the public school teachers' union, but favored the endorsement individually as members of the Nonpartisan league.

The News Scimitar stated Friday that the league endorsed the independent candidates at the request of the teachers' union. It appears that the union has taken no action in favor of either ticket, and it is to be hoped that it will not.

So far as we are able to ascertain there is no quarrel against the Citizens' league candidates that would warrant even so strict a labor union body as the teachers in the public schools to blacklist the league candidates as "unfair."

There are two tickets in the field, technically, but really there are 10 candidates for the five positions on the city school board. The voters will express their choice of individuals rather than follow the usual formula of swallowing the ticket whole. One has as much right to be called Democratic as the other, and it is not possible to cite any political or factional reason that would stand the test of close scrutiny in favor of one set of candidates as a whole or against another set as a whole.

The Nonpartisan league, as a political organization, has a right to endorse the independent candidates or not to endorse them. Any other organization of a like nature has the same right, with the exception of the party committee, which is without authority to give the stamp of regularity to one over the other.

The public school teachers individually have a right to express and vote their preference, but we seriously doubt the wisdom of their coming out as a body in favor of one set of candidates and opposed to another. The teachers are employed by the board of education. This board fixes their salaries. The board is employer and the teachers are employees.

In the event of the election of the candidates they endorse, the teachers, perhaps, would feel that they had a special claim upon the members for favor. In the event of the election of the independent candidates they oppose, the board could not escape the feeling that they were employing hostile teachers.

There should be better harmony between the teachers and the school board in this city. These should be friendly at the school affairs of the city. If the teachers desire to contribute to a better feeling and more wholesome conditions in the schools, they should keep their opinions of politics to themselves.

A New Era for Alaska.

Too long has Alaska been a prey to politicians. Its needs have been ignored. It has been a long distance away and there is danger that its wealth in mines, fisheries and woods will be held, not for the people of the country, but will be gobbled up by huge corporations and will go to swell fortunes that are already beyond the limits of national discretion. If the airplanes in blazing a pathway have also opened a way for a new deal they will merit a debt of gratitude, not only from Alaska, but the entire nation as well.

It is not only in its gold deposits that Alaska is supremely rich. There are riches beyond the dreams of Croesus in its virgin forests; its waters teem with fish, and the agricultural possibilities of that land are enormous. It is a second Ohio for gold, and not even Hiram of Tyre was master of the forest wealth that can be found on "Barbarian" islands.

For farming purposes the land far surpasses Sweden, Norway and Finland, and those lands support a large, healthy and vigorous body of inhabitants. There are huge tracts of blackberries, raspberries, blueberries and salmon berries. With the same care as Sweden exercises in her farming, Alaska can sustain millions of inhabitants. In her recently imported reindeer, now grown to a tremendous industry, Alaska can keep us in cheap meat through all the centuries to come.

Alaskan rivers make the Mississippi look like a small mill stream. The Yukon is 50 miles wide 500 miles from its mouth. The Porcupine, the Koyukuk and the Ketchikan, all tributaries of the Yukon, are as wide as the Mississippi at Memphis and are all navigable into the heart of the country during the summer months. These rivers will yet be a great asset to us.

There is need for a new era in Alaska. Residents there are justly angered at the maladministration they have been subjected to. There is a rising tide of resentment against the bureaucracy that would grind them down for selfish gain. Canada looks longingly at the rich stretch of alien territory, keeping her from much of the Pacific ocean, and would gladly incorporate it within her borders.

There is need of more adequate laws for the protection of the people. At present settlers are actually discouraged from taking up land, that the holdings of large corporations may not be disturbed. This should be stopped. No man should be compelled to travel 1,500 miles to register his land, as is the case at present. Loyal Alaskans will rejoice in the promise of the new era that the airplanes promise to bring.

## A POLITICAL LIBRARY FREE.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—Is there a demand for wireless operators?—E. C. A.—There is a demand. The U. S. shipping board is in immediate need of qualified operators and can furnish employment to a man who possesses a first-grade commercial license issued by the department of commerce. In accordance with the new wage scale recently established, the first operator is paid \$125 per month, the second operator \$100 per month, in addition to all expenses. The radio operator is considered an officer and is provided with superior accommodations.

Q.—Please publish available facts about the Lincoln highway—K. B. B. The Lincoln highway is 3,325 miles long, extending from New York City to San Francisco, and passing through 11 states. It was started in 1913 and about one-third of it is completed. The highway is marked on the map by a red, white and blue band, with a blue "L" in the center.

Q.—What is Babe Ruth's real name? Is he a left or right-handed batter? What is his home run record for 1920?—J. L. D. A.—George Harmon Ruth, better known as Babe Ruth, of the New York Yankees, is a left-handed batter. His official home run record for 1920 was 34 home runs.

Q.—Can fur-bearing animals be taken and sold in this state?—P. W. A.—The department of agriculture says that a license to take and sell fur-bearing animals can be obtained. Such animals can be taken successfully under suitable conditions. Such farming is urged, since the wild fur supply is being reduced to the vanishing point.

Q.—Is the "Suwanee River" a folk song?—C. W. A.—We are informed by authorities on music that the song "Old Folks at Home" (Suwanee River) is now recognized and classed as an American folk song.

Q.—If a pebble is thrown overboard from a ship will it sink to the bottom of the ocean?—J. L. D. A.—If a stone is thrown overboard from a ship, it would pass to the bottom of the ocean, and not remain suspended. This is due to the fact that the specific gravity of the stone is greater than the specific gravity of the water.

Q.—Are natives of Porto Rico citizens of the United States?—D. C. H. A.—Citizenship was bestowed upon natives of Porto Rico and certain natives permanently residing in said island, by the act which went into effect March 2, 1917. It was possible to claim exemption, but less than 300 persons did so.

Q.—Can putty be made into a liquid?—S. B. A.—Putty may be thinned with linseed oil until it is the consistency of paint. Sometimes it is made dry quickly, a little turpentine is added.

Q.—Did all the American soldiers in the world war have their lives insured? Could one make his policy payable to a girl he was going to marry?—S. G. A.—Men were not obliged to take out life insurance. It was not possible to make a policy payable to a girl he was going to marry.

Q.—Where do the best sponges come from?—S. B. A.—Mediterranean sponges are the softest and best, those of the Red Sea are next in quality, while those of the Indian Ocean are the coarsest and least durable.

Q.—What does Soudan mean?—B. S. A.—The Soudan is a short form of Soudan, meaning "The Land of the Blacks."

Q.—Was Delaware ever a part of Pennsylvania?—D. W. U. A.—When New Netherlands came into the possession of the English the settlements on the Delaware were claimed by the English. In 1703 William Penn received this territory in fee from the Duke of York. In 1776 Delaware was governed as a part of Pennsylvania until the revolution.

Q.—Why are there many languages?—M. P. A.—Authorities believe that all languages had their origin in the dialects of one common language, whose home is considered to be in the mountains of the Baltic and Caspian seas. The language spread with migrations in the different directions, and as the dialects spread and broke up into dialects.

Q.—What is the origin of the expression "Be sure you're right, then say it"?—E. P. A.—These words formed the motto of David Crockett, during the war of 1812.

Q.—Should the abbreviation for Brooklyn be Brklyn or B'nk'n?—H. F. A.—The postoffice department says that there is no official abbreviation for Brooklyn.

Q.—How many aliens are coming and going from America?—H. F. A.—The bureau of immigration says that in August, 1920, about 45,000 aliens were admitted and that 45,000 were deported.

Q.—Why is rice thrown at weddings?—C. W. A.—The use of rice at weddings is an ancient custom of the Hindus and the Jews. The Jews were accustomed to throw wheat and the Hindus rice. The custom was introduced into America by the Hindus and the Jews.

Q.—Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The News Scimitar Information Bureau, Frederick J. Haskin, Director, The Memphis News Scimitar Information Bureau, Washington, D. C.

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## Movie of a Playwright the Morning After By Briggs

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"WELL THAT'S OVER! THE PIECE HAS ITS FAULTS OF COURSE BUT THAT'S TRUE OF ANY SHOW. ONE CAN'T EXPECT PERFECTION OF THE OPENING PERFORMANCE—I'LL BE GLAD WHEN THE MORNING PAPERS ARE OUT."

"THE PAPERS AT LAST! SEEM THAT THE MORNING MOON HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT. (READS) 'AS A PLAY IT IS PURE DRIVEL ROT-SLUSH.'—THIS PAPER ALWAYS HAD IT IN FOR ME. IT'S A BIASED CRITICISM."

"NOW HERE'S A CRITIC—HE SAYS 'THE BEST PLAY IN MANY A DAY AND WE INTERESTED AGAIN.' I ALWAYS LIKED THIS FELLOW'S STUFF. IT IS ALWAYS BY PREJUDICE."

"I DON'T SEE WHY THE PAPERS WILL ALLOW SUCH AN IGNORANT PERSON AS THIS TO WRITE FOR THEM. LISTEN—WE WERE BORED STIFF LAST NIGHT—WE ATTENDED THE OPENING OF A SO-CALLED 'PLAY.'"

"HERE'S A PAPER RUNNING MY PICTURE ENTITLED 'THE SEASONS MOST SUCCESSFUL PLAYWRIGHT.' THAT'S A BIT THICK BUT STILL ONE MUST ADMIRE THE FACT THAT SOME OF THESE 'CRITICS' ARE SO STUPID."

"TOO BAD ALL THE PAPERS AREN'T AS WELL EDITED AS THIS ONE. THAT'S A FAIRLY GOOD PICTURE OF ME."

"HERE'S A CRITIC WHO OUGHT NEVER BE ALLOWED IN A THEATRE—A LISTEN TO THIS STUFF—A 'HEAVY' FOR TRAGEDY ITS COMEDY—IF ITS MEANT FOR COMEDY IT'S TRAGEDY! ONE THING ABOUT THIS CRITIC HE ISN'T CONFUSED MUCH."

"UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE NAILS."

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BY HOWARD R. GARIS.

"There they go! Falling all over the floor! My dish rags, my wiping towels and even the dish mop! There they go! Oh dear me!"

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## Girl Believes Tar's Varn; Has Long Wait

BY MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—I am a girl of 21 and have been going with a sailor boy who promised me faithfully that we were to be married when he got back, and I haven't heard from him since April. He said he would see me Christmas and that I would be the first one and that I needn't worry, for he would be back for me some day. What do you suppose keeps him from writing? Do you think he will ever write and will I ever hear from him?

ANXIOUS MARGARET.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—I am a woman 22 years of age and have been married two years. My mother gave me \$2,500 for a wedding present and I bought all my furniture and paid down on a home. For two years I have worked hard to pay for it and now it all my life's savings. I am happy for the past two years, but am afraid I will not continue to be so. My husband has a sister, Chicago and she has been begging him to come there and live with her. She wants us to sell the home and move to Chicago and I do not get along together as it is. I am sure if we were to go to Chicago we would be happy. I have refused to go and the result was a quarrel. Please tell me if I am not right in refusing to go.

MRS. J. P. R.

I think you were right in refusing to go to Chicago. You are a woman of 22 years of age and have been married two years. You are a woman of 22 years of age and have been married two years. You are a woman of 22 years of age and have been married two years.

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